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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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FOR: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES  
USING THERMAL NITRIDE FILMS  
AS GATE INSULATING FILMS

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 17, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification to read as follows:<sup>1</sup>

Page 6, lines 2-10, please replace the paragraph with the following text:

According to an aspect of the present invention, there is provided a semiconductor device manufacturing method comprising forming a gate insulating film in an oxynitride form on a main surface of a semiconductor substrate; forming gate electrodes on the gate insulating film; removing the gate insulating film except under the gate electrodes to expose

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<sup>1</sup>A marked-up copy of the changes made to the specification is attached.